

NORTH DAKOTA RELIEF FOR HURRICANE SURVIVORS

Governor John Hoeven is encouraging residents of North Dakota to donate time or money to disaster relief organizations to assist those affected by the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Additionally, the Governor recommends that local citizens concerned about friends or relatives living in the affected areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina call local chapters of the **American Red Cross (ARC)** for assistance in trying to locate them. Please remember the following:

- Disaster teams and agencies in the affected area are still concentrating on search and rescue and life saving operations at this time.
- Phone systems in the area have been impacted and much of the phone systems are still not at optimum levels.

Here's how you can help:

- Voluntary organizations are seeking cash donations to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina in Gulf Coast states.
- Volunteer agencies provide a wide variety of services after disasters, such as clean up, childcare, housing repair, crisis counseling, sheltering and food. It's important that volunteer response is coordinated by the professionals who can direct volunteers with the appropriate skills to the hardest-hit areas where they are needed most.
- Volunteers should not go to the area unless directed by a volunteer agency.
- For more information, visit the Web site for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) at www.nvoad.org.
- Citizens may access the following websites for additional information on the effected areas and if they wish to donate services, resources or funds:
 - <http://www.redcross.org/>
 - <http://www.redshield.org/crisis/index.cfm>
 - <http://www.msema.org/index.htm> (Disaster info for Mississippi)
 - <http://www.loep.state.la.us/> (Disaster info for Louisiana)
 - <http://www.cbsnews.com/digitaldan/disaster/disasters.shtml> (Disaster Links)
 - www.fema.gov
 - www.ob.org (Operation Blessing)
 - www.ucc.org/disaster/hopeshallbloom (United Church of Christ)

Telephone numbers concerned citizens can call to volunteer or donate money:

Donate cash to the following National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster:

American Red Cross
1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669)
(English)
1-800-257-7575 (Spanish)

Operation Blessing
1-800-436-6348

America's Second Harvest
1-800-344-8070

Adventist Community Services
1-800-381-7171

Nazarene Disaster Response
888-256-5886

Catholic Charities, USA
703 549-1390

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

Christian Disaster Response
941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Salvation Army
1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Christian Reformed World Relief
Committee
1-800-848-5818

Southern Baptist Convention --
Disaster Relief
1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

Church World Service
1-800-297-1516

United Church of Christ
1-866-822-8224, ext. 3211

Convoy of Hope
417-823-8998

United Methodist Committee on
Relief
1-800-554-8583

Lutheran Disaster Response
800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service
717-859-2210

Additional relief organizations will be posted as they become available.